

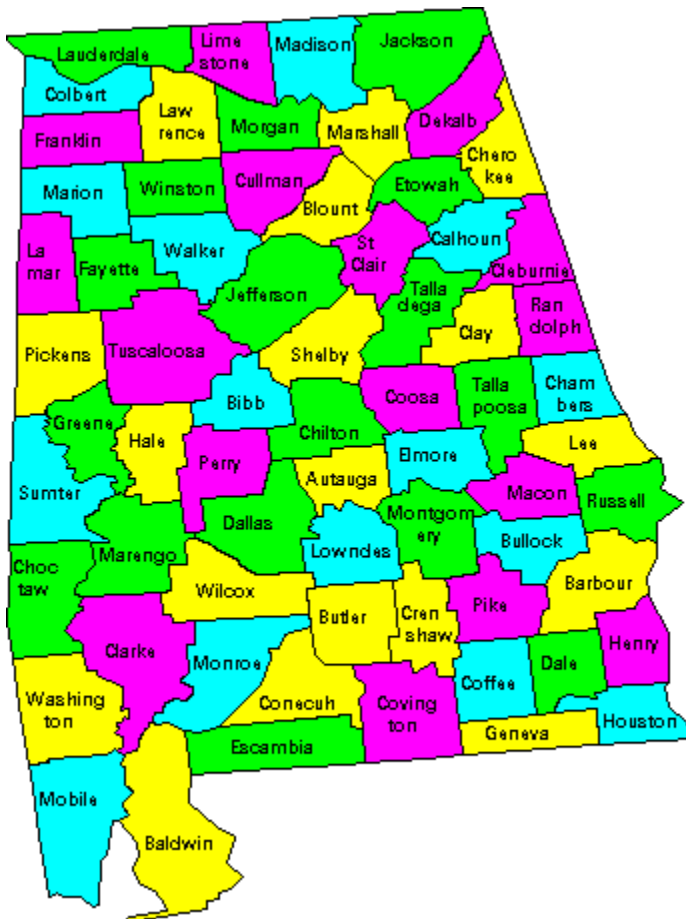
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Mobile Alabama

Profile of Drug Indicators

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Mobile, Alabama

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, funding, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

Demographics¹

- ◆ Population: 378,643 (Mobile County 1990 Census)
- ◆ Race: White 254,853; Black 117,872; American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut 1940; Asian or Pacific Islander 3398; Other 580; Hispanic 3164
- ◆ Gender: Male 179,577; Female 199,066

Politics²

- ◆ Mayor: Michael C. Dow
- ◆ City Council: Clinton Johnson, Fredrick Richardson, Thomas Sullivan, Mabin Hicks, Reggie Copeland Sr. , Bess Rich, Charles Waller
- ◆ Chief of Police: Samuel Cochran

Programs/Initiatives³

- ◆ The Coalition for a Drug-Free Mobile contracts with Weed and Seed to provide two Community Facilitators. They sponsor training sessions, neighborhood association meetings, quarterly clean-ups, health fairs and community watch meetings. The annual Back to School Festival provides free school supplies for kindergarten and first graders. They also sponsor the annual summer youth leadership trips to colleges and universities. The task of the Community Facilitator is to assist in locating needed resources for the neighborhood.
 1. *Day's End* - - An After-School program, designed to assist kindergarten through eighth grade students, by providing tutorials in reading, mathematics and science, plus enrichment activities in the arts, literature and other cultural activities; Currently, George Hall Elementary School is assisting 140 students in reading, math and science tutorials, including enrichment activities, such as music and conflict resolution classes. Funding is provided by the Title IV, Safe Schools program of the Mobile County Public Schools System and the City of Mobile.
 2. *Housing Assistance* - - A training program in the construction industry for low-income youth, which repairs homes of the elderly and disabled residents; The Christmas in April volunteer program repaired seven homes of the elderly or disabled, in the target area in spring of 1998. Over 500 volunteers from Mobile participate in the one-day, highly organized repair effort. Funding is provided by the City of Mobile, corporate and volunteer donations and fundraising.
 3. *DEFY* - - A mentoring program for target area youth, utilizing military personnel as mentors; The DEFY program is being developed in cooperation with the US Coast Guard Aviation and the Marine Centers.

4. COPS - - A community oriented policing program, designed to train citizens and law enforcement in the latest developments in prevention;
Four of the organized blocks are recognized as Community Watch areas by the Mobile Police. These block club leaders receive cellular phones and participate in crime prevention workshops. Funding is provided by the City of Mobile, US Justice Department, US Housing and Urban Development Department, Bell South Cellular and volunteer donations.
IMANI - - A community empowerment project, designed to assist the residents in accessing need services for the neighborhood;
The Coalition for a Drug-Free Mobile provides Community Facilitators to organize the neighborhood, block by block. Approximately 100 block captains serve both target areas. Funding services: is provided by the City of Mobile, US Health and Human Services Department, CSAP, and volunteer donations.
First Friday's - - A youth employment and entrepreneurial project, designed to provide career counseling, improve technological skills, match youth with mentors, etc.;
This program is being developed in conjunction with the Alabama Department of Employment Services and Bishop State Community College.
Peer - to - Peer Training - - A career development project for probation officers, school counselors, community organizers, law enforcement, educators, social workers, etc.;
The Weed and Seed staff include the director and Community Facilitators, plus Steering Committee members, who provide training locally in community organizing, anti-gang interventions and grants development Technical assistance is provided through EOWS contract with the Developmental Research Institute of Seattle, WA.
Alabama Home Work, jobs and Computer Center - - A Safe Haven Project, which encompasses the various program and services needed by the residents to develop and maintain healthy environments

Crime and Drug-Related Crime⁴

- ◆ The number crime index offenses in Mobile, Alabama in 1998 was 18,357.

Crime Index Offenses in Mobile, Alabama 1998

Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter	36
Forcible Rape	71
Robbery	877
Aggravated Assault	524
Burglary	4438
Larceny/Theft	10,510
Motor Vehicle Theft	1,901
Arson	155
Crime Index	18,357

Enforcement⁵

- ◆ In Mobile, Alabama in 1998 there were a total of 460 law enforcement employees. Of that number 147 were officers and 313 were civilian employees.

¹ U.S. Census Bureau Web site: <http://www.census.gov>

² State and Local Government Web site: <http://www.piperinfo.com/state/states.html>

³ Executive Office of Weed and Seed Web site: <http://www.ojp.usgov/eows.htm>

⁴ FBI *Crime in the United States*, 1998, October 1999

⁵ Ibid

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